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Staff meeting.

I had a talk with Reed Harris afterwards about ~~some~~ IIA problems.

I saw Norman Armour, Jr., who has recently remarried. I told him how important it was that he buckle down to work and resume a serious interest in the Service.

I talked to Hank Byroade about Norman, and suggested that, since the Greek desk is overstaffed, he might consider transferring him to another position which would keep him fully occupied and where he would have an opportunity to display his abilities.

The Secretary arrived here last night from New York, and we had a long conference in his office about the various resolutions on Korea. Dean is depressed by the attitude of our friends and allies on this subject. They seem to desire to have an armistice, or at least to offer terms for one, almost regardless of what we consider to be the obligation of all of us to protect prisoners of war against forcible repatriation.

We had a big flap as a result of the man on the VOA Arab desk in New York wishing to attend the Istiqlal party on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the accession of the Sultan of Morocco to his throne. We had forbidden any American officials to attend this party, but it was finally settled that the head of the Arab Division in New York could go as an observer and not in his official capacity.

After lunch Bates McKee, in charge of the Paris office of Bache and Company, came to see me with his lawyer.

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by the State Department to delay for the time being any collection of taxes from his company until it can be ascertained whether or not such claims are covered by the double taxation treaty now under negotiation.

Bob McBride is going to see them this afternoon.

John Allison gave me an interesting report on his extensive trip in the Far East.

We resumed our meeting in the Secretary's office and thereafter had others lasting the rest of the afternoon on the Korean resolutions.

We went to dinner tonight at the Fosters' in honor of Sir Oliver and Lady Franks. The other guests were the Harrimans, Perkinses, and Mr. and Mrs. George Morris.

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